

CANADIAN FISHERMEN ACT WISELY. The Fishermen's Unions of Canada have just finished their annual convention, held this year at Halifax, and many of their acts show how deeply at heart they have the actual welfare of their calling and of the efforts they are making to better it.

There were no ill advised speeches and remarks about being down trodden, no threats of what they were going to do to the vessel owners, no howling about poor food on the vessels, poor lays, etc., nothing of this sort, but ideas were advanced, plans proposed and efforts made to bring matters to the front, the enactment of which would be of actual benefit, not only to the fishermen, but to their families. Nor were the fisheries themselves forgotten, for the representatives of the Union realized that they, too, needed protection.

It is really interesting to read what they did at this convention. Perhaps they do not expect to realize everything in one year, but they have blazed out a path, and when the things proposed have been accomplished, the condition of the fishermen and their families, as well as the fisheries themselves, will have been greatly benefited.

In view of the current reports here and in Boston of the large amount of small, immature fish brought to market by the steam otter trawler Spray, it will be interesting to note that at this meeting it was voted to ask the Canadian government to pass laws prohibiting the use of beam trawlers, steam drifters, and all other destructive methods of catching fish within the territorial waters of Canada, and further that the beam trawlers, steam drifters, etc., be not allowed the use of Nova Scotia harbors and bays for procuring supplies to prosecute the fishery.

Evidently the dogfish is as much a detriment to the fisheries as ever down that way, for it was also voted to request the government to place a sufficient bounty on the catching of dogfish in order to mitigate this nuisance, and thus protect the inshore fisheries and off shore fishing grounds.

The unions also want their government to equalize the present bounty law, so that the men engaged in deep sea fisheries, whether in decked vessels or open boats, shall receive the same.

They also voted to ask the government to provide an old age pension for fishermen incapacitated by old age or otherwise, to earn a living.

Another important matter, that of cheap insurance, was one of the principal matters before the convention, and for this their government will be asked to institute a scheme as a protection for fishermen's families in case of accident, the insurance to be optional. The scheme as outlined is that each fisherman on attaining the age of 21 become enrolled and pay about \$6 a year, and if he becomes sick or gets injured, his doctor's bills will be paid and he will get so much per week, and should he die his family be provided for.

Of course it would be too much to expect that all these things proposed will be secured at once. They may be a long time coming, but it cannot be denied that when they do come, it will mean a great advancement over present conditions.

In these various actions, taken as stated above, there is much food for reflection for all who are interested in the fisheries of not only Gloucester, but all of New England. They all appeal to the average man as being measures which would be for the best interest of all if secured. The matters of old age pensions and a form of cheap insurance will especially appeal to many.

What would be good for the fisheries of Canada along the lines suggested by the acts of their convention would certainly be good for the fishermen of New England. There is a chance to do a great good in the suggested directions right here at home, and the Master Mariners Association, with its well known prestige and power, could engage in no worthier work than something along the same lines as that on which the Fishermen's Union of Canada is now working.

Interesting Facts About Herring.

The annual number of herring landed in the United Kingdom is about 2,500,000 representing nearly 360,000 tons of good food, a quantity equal to the flesh of a million and a quarter bullocks.

It was formerly thought that herring spawned but once a year it has been proved that this function takes place twice annually. The roe only contains about 35,000 eggs, which is a very small number when compared with other fish. The roe of a mackerel contains 500,000 eggs, the sole has about 1,000,000 and the prolific cod upwards of 3,000,000.

In Scotland about 15,000 boats are employed in drifting for herring, and putting the average crew down as only four men, we have 60,000 hands employed upon the sea while an equal number are employed ashore in net making and mending, and cleaning, curing and packing the fish.

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NEWFOUNDLAND RECEDES.

Ottawa, Oct. 4.—The government of Newfoundland has decided to remove all restrictions on the sale of herring. This policy has a particular significance for Canada. It has all along been feared that Premier Bond's course in taking objections to the reference of the entire question of the treaty of 1818 to The Hague tribunal would cause the United States to recede from its position in favor, with the result that the fishery question would remain an open and irritating one.

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TORCHERS DOING WELL.

Little Boats Had 600 Barrels Herring Here Yesterday.

The torchers have begun their fall herring season in good shape. For the past week, whenever there has been a fish day, they have been bringing in from 200 to 300 barrels each morning.

Thursday morning the catch was unusually large, fully 600 barrels being brought here. This morning they had 200 barrels.

The most of the fish are being taken up off Beverly and Nahant and the price is low, \$1.25 per barrel for bait and 50 and 75 cents a barrel to salt.

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Good Stock.

Sch. A. E. Whyland, Capt. Fred Morrissey, stocked \$10,982.82 as the result of her recent salt bank trip, the crew sharing \$340.-12.

Picked Up Mackerel Nets.

Sloop Olivia Sears, which arrived at Boston, today reports picking up a number of mackerel nets off Eastern Point.

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Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Massachusetts, Bacalien Bank, 80,000 lbs. flitch halibut, 60,000 lbs. salt cod, Sch. Illinois, Le Have Bank, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Helen G. Wells, shore, seining, 9 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Queen of the Sea, shore.

Sch. Sheffeyld, shore, 15,000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Estelle S. Nunan, shore.

Sch. Pythian, shore, 9,500 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Bessie Dugan, shore.

Steamer Water Witch, shore.

Steamer Anna Laura, shore, 75 bbls. fresh herring.

Sch. Gladys and Sabra, shore.

Sch. Cherokee, south, seining.

Sch. Independence II., seining.

Sch. Nellie Dixon, seining.

Today's Fish Market.

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Large eastern cod, \$2.25, medium do., \$1.50.

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Market price, salt bank cod, \$3.75 per cwt. for large and \$3 for medium.

Market price salt Rips cod, \$4.12 1-2 cwt. for large, \$3.12 1-2 medium, \$2.50 for snappers.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Fresh round pollock, 85c per cwt.
Large fresh mackerel, 20 1-2 cts. each.
Fresh medium mackerel 12 cts. each.
Dressed fresh pollock, 60 cts. per cwt.
Salt mackerel, \$23 per bbl. for large, \$19 and \$20 per bbl. for mediums, and \$15 for small.
Salt bank dory handline cod, \$4 per cwt. for large, \$3.25 for mediums and \$2.50 for snappers.

Boston.

Sch. William A. Morse, 4500 pollock.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 1000 haddock, 2000 cod, 8000 hake.
Sch. Olivia Sears, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Ramona, 11,000 cod.
Sch. Marsala, 10,000 pollock.
Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, 500 haddock, 3000 cod, 30,000 hake.
Sch. Mary A. Whalen, 14,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 10,000 hake.
Sch. Henrietta G. Martin, 20,000 pollock.
Sch. Agnes V. Gleason, 6000 haddock, 8000 cod.
Sch. Frances V. Sylva, 4000 haddock, 4000 cod, 6000 hake.
Sch. Valentinna, 8000 pollock.
Sch. Seaconnet, 2500 haddock, 1000 cod, 5000 hake.
Sch. Emilia Enos, 2000 haddock, 2000 cod, 500 hake.
Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, 18,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Rose Standish, 2000 haddock, 500 cod, 5000 hake.
Sch. Morning Star, 3000 pollock.
Sch. Metacommet, 8000 pollock.
Sch. Stranger, 2500 haddock, 800 cod, 8000 hake.
Haddock, \$3.50 to \$6 per cwt.; large cod, \$5.75 to \$6; market cod, \$3.25 to \$4; hake, \$1.50 to \$2; pollock, \$2 to \$2.50.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Essex was at Canso, N. S., Tuesday.

Mackerel Notes.

Capt. Benj. Lumsden of sch. Cherokee, which came home from a mackerel trip to Block Island, reports mackerel schooling in small pods about every day off No Man's Land, but they were so wild it was impossible to get around them. They would not look at the bait as there was so much live feed in the water.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Jennie H. Gilbert, shore, 12,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Marguerite, shore, 19 bbls. salt herring, 300 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Nokomis, shore.
Sch. Lafayette, shore, 10,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Blanche F. Irving, shore, 8000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Louisa Polleys, shore, 6000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Almeida, shore, 8000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, shore.

Sch. Manomet, shore.

Sch. Yankee, shore.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.

Sch. M. Madeleine, shore.

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Boston.

Sch. James and Esther, 10,000 cod, 2500 pollock.
 Sch. E. C. Hussey, 10,000 cod.
 Sch. Massasoit, 1400 fresh mackerel.
 Sch. Esther Gray, 15,000 pollock.
 Sch. Robert and Arthur, 18,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 2000 hake.
 Sch. Viking, 2100 haddock, 2000 cod, 25,000 hake.
 Sch. Mattakesett, 4000 haddock, 5000 cod, 7000 hake, 1000 pollock.
 Haddock, \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$5 to \$6.50; market cod, \$2.50 to \$2.75; pollock, \$1.50 to \$1.80; hake, \$1.50 to \$2.50.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Hattie A. Heckman was at Louisburg, C. B., Monday and cleared.
 Sch. Good Luck was at Newport yesterday.
 Sch. Juno of Boston is at this port to fit for haddocking under command of Capt. Wayer.
 Sch. Dictator is reported at Halifax, N. S., recently.

Mackerel Notes.

The catch of salt mackerel to date is 36,703 barrels, against 9,545 barrels last year at this time.

The imports of salt mackerel at Boston to date are 10,261 barrels, against 19,970 barrels at this time last year.

The catch of fresh mackerel by the New England fleet to date is 52,106 barrels, against 33,733 barrels at this time last year.

The imports of fresh mackerel at Boston to date are 5615 barrels as against 16,657 barrels at this time last year.

A telephone message from Capt. Charles H. Harty at Newport yesterday, states that big mackerel have struck in at Black Island and medium and small mackerel at No Mau's Land. Mackerel have been taken there on trawls and the mackerel boats have done well recently.

Oct. 7.

HAS BOUGHT WHOLE FLEET.

**Gorton-Pew Co. Adds To Its
Already Large Holdings.**

NOW CONTROL FULLY 50 CRAFT

**Purchased Today All of H. & J. S.
Steele's Fishing Vessels.**

The well known fishing concern of H. & J. S. Steele, formerly George Steele & Co., doing business on Rogers street, the wharf fronting on Harbor Cove, has disposed of all its vessel holdings.

The deal was practically completed yesterday and the transfer of the vessel property was made this forenoon. The purchaser is the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co. of this city.

The vessels bought are five in number, as follows:

Sch. Rob Roy, 110.26 tons gross, 79.96 tons net, built at Essex in 1900.
 Sch. Vera, 110.06 tons gross, 77.42 tons net, built at Essex in 1900.
 Sch. Olga, 112.36 tons gross, 77.21 tons net, built at Essex in 1900.
 Sch. Ramona, 88.23 tons gross, 58.37 tons net, built at Essex in 1892.
 Sch. Almeida, 86.30 tons gross, 64.88 tons net, built at Essex in 1892.

The business in connection with the purchase of the vessels has been conducted very quietly and will come as quite a surprise to the general public.

The purchase of this fleet gives the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co., which already has the largest fleet of fishing vessels of any concern in America, a still larger means of securing for itself an increased supply of fish, which is needed by the concern to meet the demands of its steadily growing business. The company now has control of fully 50 fishing vessels, which is certainly a magnificent fleet, capable of landing a great amount of fish.

Besides its fishing vessels, the Steele firm also conducted a general wharf and outfitting business and also a fish cutting and curing plant, and this will probably be continued by Mr. Howard Steele, senior member of the concern.

Fish Receipts.

The United States bureau of fisheries reports that for the month of July, 9,948,786 pounds of fresh fish valued at \$153,965 and 5,460,076 pounds of salt fish valued at \$267,652 were landed at this port and 8,728,121 pound of fresh fish valued at \$326,871 and 197,600 pounds of salt fish valued at \$13,027 were landed at Boston.

Halibut Sale.

The fare of sch. Monitor sold to the New England Fish Co. at 12 cents per pound for white and 9 cents for gray.

The fare of sch. Kineo sold to the American Halibut Co. at 10 1-2 cents per pound right through.

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NEW TREATY WORKING WELL.

Washington, Oct. 7.—The state department has received word from Professor Alexander, who is in Newfoundland waters looking after the interests of American fishermen, that the modus vivendi recently concluded is now working well. Negotiations are on between the American fishing captains and the Newfoundland authorities, the basis of which is the purchase outright by the Americans of the fish caught by the Newfoundlanders.

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Provincetown Leads in Motor Fishing Boats.

Many new gasoline dories are received each week at Provincetown. It is doubtful if a bigger fishing fleet of motor boats than Provincetown's can be found in the New England states.

Fine Georges Trip.

Sch. Carrie C., Capt. Thomas Crowell, arrived from Georges yesterday with a fine handline trip of 45,000 pounds of salt cod.

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Cured Fish.

Two cargoes of cured fish are at this port this morning, sch. Rozella from Southwest Harbor, Me., and sch. J. H. G. Perkins from Swan's Island, Me., each with 800 quintals.

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High Prices at Boston.

There is a fancy market on fresh fish at 7 wharf, Boston, today, \$6 per hundred weigh being paid for large cod, \$6 and \$7 for large bod and \$3 and \$3.50 for market cod.

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Sch. Rozella, Southwest Harbor, Me., 800 qtls. cured fish.
 Sch. J. H. G. Perkins, Swan Island, Me., 800 qtls. cured fish.
 Sch. Emerald, seining.
 Sch. A. C. Newall, shore.
 Sch. Monitor, Bacallen Bank, 35,000 lbs. halibut, 6000 lbs. salt cod.
 Sch. Carrie C., Georges, 45,000 lbs. salt cod.
 Sch. Lawrence Murdock, Georges, 15,000 lbs. salt cod.
 Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, Brown's Bank, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Kineo, Georges, 5000 lbs. halibut, 12,000 lbs. salt cod, 35,000 lbs. fresh cod.
 Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, Georges, 60,000 lbs. fresh cod.
 Sch. Judique, Banks, 270,000 lbs. salt cod.
 Sch. Cynthia, Maine coast, 115,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. S. H. Pinkham, shore, 10,000 lbs. pollock.

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Dressed fresh pollock, 60 cts. per cwt.

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Bank halibut, 12 cts. per lb. for white and 9 cts. per lb. for gray.

Boston.

Sch. Elta Mildred, 15,000 pollock.
 Sch. Pythian, 1500 haddock, 600 cod, 1500 euk, 2000 pollock.
 Sch. Thomas Brundage, 10,000 cod.
 Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 4500 cod, 8000 pollock.
 Sch. Morning Star, 3000 pollock.
 Sch. Etta B., 4000 pollock.
 Sch. Gertrude, 11,000 cod.
 Sch. Flavilla, 1500 haddock, 1000 cod, 7000 hake.
 Sch. Emily Sears, 10,000 pollock.
 Sch. Edward A. Rich, 15,000 cod.
 Sch. Arbitrator, 4000 haddock, 7000 cod, 2000 hake.
 Sch. Mattie Brundage, 16,000 pollock.
 Sch. Flora J. Sears, 20,000 haddock, 7000 cod.
 Sch. Alcina, 20,000 cod.
 Sch. Philip P. Manta, 1000 haddock, 4000 cod, 3000 hake.
 Sch. Ellen C. Burke, 7000 cod.
 Steamer Spray, 40,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 2000 hake.
 Sch. Maud F. Silva, 40,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.
 Sch. Louisa R. Sylva, 5000 haddock, 5000 cod, 6000 hake.
 Sch. Yakima, 16,000 haddock, 16,000 cod, 7000 hake.
 Sch. Juniata, 35,000 pollock.
 Sch. Nettie, 4000 pollock.
 Sch. Annie and Jennie, 2000 cod, 16,000 pollock.
 Sch. Galatea, 23,500 cod.
 Sch. Two Sisters, 5000 pollock.
 Sch. Margaret S. McKenzie, 2000 cod, 3000 pollock.
 Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 5000 haddock, 7000 cod, 8000 hake.
 Sch. Grace Darling, 12,000 pollock.
 Sch. Fish Hawk, 25,000 cod.
 Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 12,000 cod.
 Haddock, \$6 per cwt.; large cod, \$6; market cod, \$3 to \$3.50; hake, \$2.50 to \$4; cusk, \$2.50; pollock, \$1.50.

Mackerel Notes.

The few Provincetown draggers at sea Thursday night had a fair run of luck, the sloop Pearl taking 1050, the Favorite 600, and the Little Jennie and the Active 250 mackerel each. Mackerel taken that night were considerably smaller than fish taken previously, showing that a new school had entered the bay.

Oct. 8.

SCARCITY OF NETS.**Bay of Islands Merchants Not Able To Supply Fishermen.**

The decision to let fishermen of the west coast of Newfoundland sell their herring the highest bidder and ship within the three-mile limit has come so late that it has caught the Bay of Islands merchants with only a small supply of fishing nets and gear on hand, not enough to come anywhere near supplying the fishermen. Speaking of this phase of the situation the Western Star says:

"It comes with poor grace for the Premier to show his generosity so late in the season. Why didn't he remove the 'restrictions' earlier in the year? Then the Americans need not have incurred such enormous expense in procuring such large outfit of net, rope, anchors, etc. Today there are not sufficient nets in our mercantile stores to fit out a sixteenth of the fishermen, and it is impossible to procure them at this late season, excepting by getting them from America. In former years our business men took orders for nets as early as July, and had them filled in August or early September."